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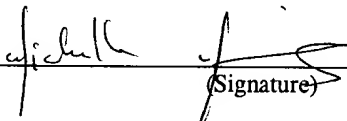
For: **MAMMALIAN GAMETE AND EMBRYO CULTURE MEDIA  
SUPPLEMENT AND METHOD OF USING SAME**

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Dear Sir:

With respect to the examination of the above-referenced application, the applicants cite the following documents, copies of which are enclosed. These documents are also listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449.

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#### REMARKS

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It is thus requested that the above-referenced paper be considered during  
examination of this application and be made of record therein.

Respectfully submitted,

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